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# **REAL STATUS OF** THE ROAMER

Shell-Fish Steamer is Not Equipped with Extra-Big Shooters

The grand jury of Lafayette county has taken upon itself to resolve that the state patrol boat Roamer should be disarmed of the machine guns or cannons and other deadly weapons as they are not needed for the collection of taxes and are an insult to the peo-

In the first place the Roamer is not armed with machine guns or cannon, but with two one-pound rifles. These guns are no more an insult to the people of Florida than a forty-four revolver. The other "deadly weapons" are my personal property and do not differ from those carried by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of any county in the

Man after man has quit the service or the Roamer, saying they would not work on her for a million dollars. Just a case of "cold feet." Why? Simply because so many ugly threats were made in their presence to do violence to the crew of the boat.

You might ask why these threats were made. Simply because these particular persons did want the fish laws enforced.

The Roamer is being used for a work far more important than collecting taxes. The East and West coasts are being patrolled and the fish laws are being enforced and at the same time taxes are being collected but no armed force has ever been necessary.

The grand jury further condemns the approval of the law by the governor, authorizing the purchase of the steamer Roamer. Let me call their attention to the fact that the appropriation for the purchase of this boat was not embodied in the saltwater fish law, but was included in the general appropriation bill, which fact seems to have escaped the notice of the jury. Therefore Governor Trammell is in no way responsible for the purchase of the boat.

The vast bays along the Florida coast, which contain practically no fish now, are mute witnesses to the sad fact that the state's fishing industry is badly depleted. Only rigid enforcement of the laws will ever restore this important industry to the people of Florida.

Ask any old resident of the coast what the fishing was twenty years ago and what it is today. His reply will be from a feast to a famine. Mullet roe sold then at twenty cents a dozen and they are now worth seventy-five. Draw your own conclusions.

Lafayette county certainly has no complaint to make, for it is a well known fact that her fishing territory has been invaded in years past by unscrupulous fishermen from far and near, who have gutted the full-roed archbishop of the Greek Orthodox thereby depriving her own citizens of their birth-right. This has been stopped by enforcement of the present fish laws. Respectfully, T. R. Hodges,

Shell Fish Commissioner.

CHRISTMAS EOX TO A HOME MISSIONARY

The Missionary Society of the Baptist church will send a box to one of their home missionaries located on an James Thomson island off the west coast of Florida. The box will be packed at the residence of Mrs. W. T. Gary on Fort King avenue and will be shipped on or about Dec. 20. This is a chance for persons interested in missions to show their interest in a practical way, especially those who favor home mission work rather than foreign. The family of the missionary consists of himself and wife. Their measurements for clothing may be obtained from P. O. B. 358 Mrs. Gary. Groceries and household linen will also be acceptable. The Fannie R. Gary Missionary So-

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The port lies on the shore of the Black sea, about midway between the estuaries of the Dniester and Dnieper. 967 miles from Moscow and 381 from Kiev. The city is built facing the sea. on low cliffs, seamed with deep ravines and hollowed out by galleries in the soft rock, in which thousands of the poorest inhabitants live. But above this are fine broad tree lined streets

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No women are permitted to land on the island. Men who express a willingness to go to Swan island are oblig ed to sign a contract whereby they agree to remain at least eighteen months or waive their right to free teturn transportation. Those remaining the full period of service are returned to their homes by way of one of the Central American ports and are granted six weeks' vacation with full pay.

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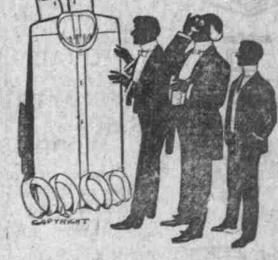
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